A treatment success rate of more than 85% has been reported under the revised strategy which means that more than 8 out of every 10 patients put on treatment under the revised strategy are being successfully treated as against below 4 in the earlier Programme. Till date, the RNTCP has placed more than 78 lac patients on treatment.

Scarcity of medicines in the RML Hospital

61. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that patients in Government hospitals do not get medicines properly, particularly in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to appoint a pharmacist in each ward of the hospital to ensure availability of medicines;

(c) whether Government are aware that pharmacist of the hospital sells medicines to the open market; and

(d) if so, by when pharmacists would be appointed in each ward and the action being taken against those pharmacists selling costly medicines in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) In so far as Dr. RML Hospital in concerned, essential medicines are distributed free of cost to all the patients is OPD and indoor patients. The hospital ensures that all life saving medicines are available all time in hospital store. In case of an emergency the store makes a local purchase of the medicines based on demand. The Medical Superintendent reviews the availability of medicines every Tuesday with the users, store and purchase sections and issues necessary instructions. There is no proposal to appoint a pharmacist in each ward of the hospital. Further, no case of selling medicines in open market by the pharmacists of RML Hospital has been reported.

Revamping of CGHS

62. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMANNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Health Scheme has been revamped;

(b) if so, the changes, if any, brought about in the scheme;

(c) whether any new agreements/MoUs signed private hospitals in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of such MoUs/agreements, etc.; and

(e) the details regarding projected improvements in the scheme and its

implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Revamping of Central Government Health Scheme is an ongoing process. The changes brought about in the scheme are broadly computerisation of dispensaries, formation of Local Advisory Committee and delegation of Financial power to Zonal Additional Directors for quick settlement of medical reimbursement claims etc.

Fresh empanelment of private hospitals and diagnostic centres was taken up to have competitive rates for various procedures and services, as also directed by the Hon'ble High